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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I own a small construction company in Lexington, VA and live in Fairfield, VA. At my shop, I am able to have broadband by Rockbridge Global Village, a local provider that has done an exceptional job in this community for many years. At my house, the only current option is CenturyLink.

The internet is essential to the construction industry and as a business owner, we cannot function without internet. My sixth grader has required online learning so the internet is vital to his public education. Internet communications are vital for communication and sharing of information. Allowing large corporations to charge people who live in rural areas more is unfair.

At my home, my only option is DSL and fiber is the better choice. Rockbridge Global Village will work to bring fiber to my home. CenturyLink will not. Protect small carriers. Do not punish people in rural areas. We should not have to pay more to make stock dividends go up, and that is exactly what will happen if you put an end to broadband competition.

Monopolies are never a good thing. Please do not create one!

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